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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case 7629

In the Matter of :  
US National Phase Entry :  
Under 35 USC 371 from :  
International Application of :  
Wayne E. Beimesch et al. :  
Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/16914 : Group Art Unit : NOT YET ASSIGNED  
Filed on June 20, 2000 : Examiner : NOT YET ASSIGNED  
For Processes For Making Granular Detergent In A Fluidized Bed Granulator Having :  
Recycling Of Improperly Sized Particles :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-11 without prejudice.

Please add the following Claims 12-33.

(NEW) 12. A process for making a granular detergent composition comprising the steps of:

- a) providing at least one granular feed stream;
- b) passing said granular feed stream into a fluidized bed granulator;
- c) at least partially agglomerating said feed stream in said fluidized bed granulator to form detergent agglomerates;
- d) sizing said detergent agglomerates to separate oversized particles from said detergent agglomerates; and
- e) re-introducing said oversized particles to said process.

(NEW) 13. The process for making the granular detergent composition of Claim 12, further comprising the step of milling said oversized particles before re-introduction into said process.